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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on February 21st, 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-17 and 21-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on April 4th, 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-to-12 have been canceled (as per preliminary amendment April 4th, 2002).
2. Claims 13-to-24 are pending in the application.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, filed regarding the Claim Objections, are persuasive. The Claim Objections have been withdrawn.
4. The Substitute Specification has been accepted. However, the reference to the Substitute Specification in the rejections and the "Response to Arguments" below are made with respect to the "Substitute Specification" filed on April 4th, 2002.
5. The new Substitute Specification does not address the Specification Objections, and therefore these have been maintained.
6. The Abstract filed in the amendment, has been accepted, and therefore the Abstract objections have been withdrawn.
7. Applicant's arguments filed in Amendment dated February 21st, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In regards to argument presented that "If any claim feature is absent from a prior art reference, it cannot anticipate the claim" (Amendment, Remarks, Page 7, lines 30-31) in regards to the limitation "performing a correction of the first estimation while taking into consideration the estimation of the additive interference of the memory-enabled transmission channel" (Amendment, Remarks, Page 7, lines 13-15), this is incorrect since this limitation is indeed disclosed in the Applicant Admitted

Prior Art (AAPA), (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 9-10, 16-25 & Page 2, lines 1-6). The AAPA discloses eliminating intersymbol interference (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 9-10), which is caused by the additive noise. The AAPA further discloses a POCS algorithm which provides correcting of estimation while taking into consideration the estimation of the additive interference (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 16-25). Furthermore, the AAPA also discloses "However, in the case of currently known corrections of additive interferences when estimating memory-enabled transmission channels,....." (Substitute Specification, Page 2, Background Information, lines 1-6), wherein corrections of additive interferences are known.

In regards to the argument presented that ".....neither Andersson nor AAPA actually teaches the parent claim's claimed feature of "performing a correction of the first estimation while taking into consideration the estimation of the additive interference of the memory-enabled transmission channel." (Amendment, Remarks, Page 9, lines 5-8), this is incorrect since this limitation is indeed taught in the AAPA as described above.

Specification

8. The disclosure is objected to because of the following:

- In the (substitute) specification on Page 3, line 28 discloses the variable "W" being the number of chips however; the specification does not disclose what are the chips.

- In the (substitute) specification on Page 4, line 1 discloses " $N = L - W + 1$ ", however, the specification does not disclose what the variable "L" represents.
- In the (substitute) specification on Page 4 discloses an equation for a first estimation of the transmission channel however, the specification does not disclose what the variable "γ" and the matrix "G" represent.
- In the (substitute) specification on Page 5 discloses an equation for computing the intensity of additive interferences however, the specification does not disclose what the variable "f" represents.
- It is recommended that each equation be designated numerically.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

9. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

10. Claims 13-14, 21-22 & 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Regarding to Claims 13 & 24, a method for estimating a memory-enabled transmission channel (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 8-9), comprising the steps of: determining a first estimation of a pulse response of the memory-enabled transmission (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background

Information, lines 9-12) {Interpretation}: The AAPA discloses channel estimator for determining impulse response of transmission channel}; performing an estimation of an additive interference of the memory-enabled transmission (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 16-26) {Interpretation}: The AAPA discloses the estimation of the additive noise as inherent and further discloses an algorithm for correctly estimating the coefficients}; and performing a correction of the first estimation while taking into consideration the estimation of the additive interference of the memory-enabled transmission channel (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 9-10, 16-25 & Page 2, lines 1-6) {Interpretation}: The AAPA discloses a method for correctly estimating the additive noise and correcting the coefficients of the channel impulse response}.

Regarding to Claim 14, a method according to Claim 13 wherein: the step of determining the first estimation is performed by a matched filter (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 13-14).

Regarding to Claim 21, a method according to Claim 13 wherein: the correction of the first estimation is given by a POCS algorithm (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 19-26).

Regarding to Claim 22, a method according to Claim 13 wherein: the correction of the first estimation is given by a MMSE algorithm (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 24-25).

11. Claims 13, 16 & 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andersson et al. (WO 98/44655).

Regarding to Claims 13 & 24, a method for estimating a memory-enabled transmission channel (Abstract, lines 1-6 & Specification, Page 1, lines 3-15) {Interpretation: a digital wireless communications radio channel is a memory-enabled transmission channel}, comprising the steps of: determining a first estimation of a pulse response of the memory-enabled transmission (Specification, Page 14, lines 10-14 & Fig. 3, element 310); performing an estimation of an additive interference of the memory-enabled transmission (Specification, Page 1, lines 15-21 & Specification, Page 4, lines 25-28 & Specification, Page 5, lines 1-2 & Specification, Page 14, lines 15-19 & Specification, Page 15, lines 1-2 & Fig. 3, element 320) {Interpretation: The Intersymbol Interference (ISI) as disclosed in the reference is considered additive interference and the ISI interference estimate is an estimate of an additive interference estimate}; and performing a correction of the first estimation while taking into consideration the estimation of the additive interference (Abstract, lines 3-4 & Specification, Page 5, lines 3-6 & Specification, Page 15, lines 3-6 & Fig. 3, elements 320-340) {Interpretation: The reference discloses a compensation means for estimating the channel response taking into consideration the additive interference (ISI)}.

Regarding to Claim 16, a method according to Claim 13 wherein: the first estimation is given by a least squares estimation (Specification, Page 3, lines 18-22 & Specification, Page 10, lines 3-6 & Specification, Page 4, lines 10-20).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claim 14 & 21-22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andersson et al. (WO 98/44655) in view of the Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

Regarding to Claim 14, a method according to Claim 13, wherein the step of determining the first estimation is performed a matched filter. Andersson discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel as described above. However, the Andersson does not disclose the first estimation is given by a matched filter.

The AAPA discloses the most widely used channel estimators are based on a matched filter (Specification, Page 1, lines 12-14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that AAPA teaches implementing a matched filter to estimate the channel impulse response and this can be implemented in the method as described in Andersson so as to provide a simple estimator.

Regarding to Claim 21, a method according to Claim 13 wherein: the correction of the first estimation is given by a POCS algorithm. Andersson discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel as described

above. However, the Andersson does not disclose the correction of the first estimation is given by a POCS algorithm.

The AAPA discloses the correction of the first estimation is given by a POCS algorithm (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 19-26). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that the AAPA discloses a POCS algorithm for the correction of the estimation coefficients and this can be implemented in the method as described in Andersson so as to provide a more accurate estimate of the channel estimate.

Regarding to Claim 22, a method according to Claim 13 wherein: the correction of the first estimation is given by a MMSE algorithm. Andersson discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel as described above. However, the Andersson does not disclose the correction of the first estimation is given by a MMSE algorithm.

The AAPA discloses the correction of the first estimation is given by a MMSE algorithm (Substitute Specification, Page 1, Background Information, lines 24-25). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that the AAPA discloses a MMSE algorithm for the correction of the estimation coefficients and this can be implemented in the method as described in Andersson so as to provide a more accurate estimate of the channel estimate.

14. Claim 15 & 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Andersson et al. (WO 98/44655) in view of the Applicant Admitted Prior Art

(AAPA) in further view of Steiner et al. (Low Cost Channel Estimate in the Uplink

Receiver of CDMA Mobile Radio Systems; Berlin, Germany; Vol. 47, No. 11/12; Nov. 1, 1993; Page 292-298).

Regarding to Claim 15, a method according to Claim 14, wherein the matched filter is given by (the equations as described in the Claim). Andersson in view of AAPA discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel using a matched filter as described above. However, Andersson in view of AAPA does not disclose the matched filter is given by (the equations as described in the Claim).

Steiner discloses the equations as described in the claim (Page 293, left-column, Eq.'s 3a-b & Page 293, right-column, Eq.'s 13-14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches the equations as described in the claim so as to mathematically describe the channel estimate implemented using a matched filter.

Regarding to Claim 23, a method according to Claim 22, wherein the MMSE algorithm is given by (the equation as described in the Claim). Andersson in view of AAPA discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel using a MMSE algorithm as described above. However, Andersson in view of AAPA does not disclose the MMSE is given by (the equation as described in the Claim).

Steiner discloses the equation as described in the claim (Page 293, right-column, Eq.'s 10-11). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches the equations as described in the

claim so as to mathematically describe the channel estimate implemented using a MMSE algorithm.

15. Claims 15 & 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Steiner et al. (Low Cost Channel Estimate in the Uplink Receiver of CDMA Mobile Radio Systems; Berlin, Germany; Vol. 47, No. 11/12; Nov. 1, 1993; Page 292-298).

Regarding to Claim 15, a method according to Claim 14, wherein the matched filter is given by (the equations as described in the Claim). The AAPA discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel using a matched filter as described above. However, the AAPA does not disclose the matched filter is given by (the equations as described in the Claim).

Steiner discloses the equations as described in the claim (Page 293, left-column, Eq.'s 3a-b & Page 293, right-column, Eq.'s 13-14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches the equations as described in the claim so as to mathematically describe the channel estimate implemented using a matched filter.

Regarding to Claim 23, a method according to Claim 22, wherein the MMSE algorithm is given by (the equation as described in the Claim). The AAPA discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel using a MMSE algorithm as described above. However, the AAPA does not disclose the MMSE is given by (the equation as described in the Claim).

Steiner discloses the equation as described in the claim (Page 293, right-column, Eq.'s 10-11). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches the equations as described in the claim so as to mathematically describe the channel estimate implemented using a MMSE algorithm.

16. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the

Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Andersson et al. (WO 98/44655).

Regarding to Claim 16, a method according to Claim 13, wherein the first estimation is given by a least squares estimation. The AAPA discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel as described above. However, the AAPA does not disclose the first estimation is given by least squares estimation.

Andersson discloses determining the channel estimate using the least squares algorithm (Specification, Page 3, lines 18-22 & Specification, Page 10, lines 3-6 & Specification, Page 4, lines 10-20). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Andersson teaches implementing a channel estimate using the least squares estimate and this can be implemented in the method as described in the AAPA so as to provide a computationally cheaper algorithm.

17. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

Andersson et al. (WO 98/44655) in view of Steiner et al. (Low Cost Channel

Estimate in the Uplink Receiver of CDMA Mobile Radio Systems; Berlin, Germany; Vol. 47, No. 11/12; Nov. 1, 1993; Page 292-298).

Regarding to Claim 17, a method according to Claim 16, wherein the least squares estimation is given by (the equation as described in the Claim). Andersson discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel using a least squares estimate as described above. However, Andersson does not disclose the least square estimate is given by (the equation as described in the Claim).

Steiner discloses the equation as described in the claim (Page 293, right-column, Eq. 12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches the equation as described in the claim so as to mathematically describe the channel estimate implemented using a least squares estimate.

18. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Andersson et al. (WO 98/44655) in further view of Steiner et al. (Low Cost Channel Estimate in the Uplink Receiver of CDMA Mobile Radio Systems; Berlin, Germany; Vol. 47, No. 11/12; Nov. 1, 1993; Page 292-298).

Regarding to Claim 17, a method according to Claim 16, wherein the least squares estimation is given by (the equation as described in the Claim). The AAPA in view of Andersson discloses all the limitations regarding the method for estimating a transmission channel using a least squares estimate as described above.

However, the AAPA in view of Andersson does not disclose the least square estimate is given by (the equation as described in the Claim).

Steiner discloses the equation as described in the claim (Page 293, right-column, Eq. 12). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention that Steiner teaches the equation as described in the claim so as to mathematically describe the channel estimate implemented using a least squares estimate.

Allowable Subject Matter

19. Claims 18-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

20. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

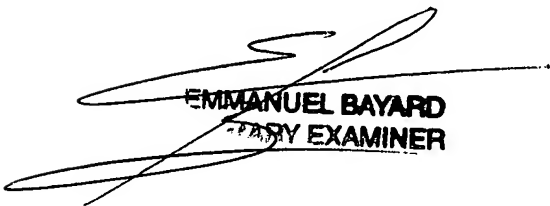
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21. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sudhanshu C. Pathak whose telephone number is (571)-272-3038. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh M. Fan can be reached on (571)-272-3042.

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